

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2457

6 By: Turner

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8 An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
9 amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 131, as amended by  
10 Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp.  
11 2013, Section 131), which relates to county officers;  
12 modifying election years; providing term limits for  
13 certain county offices; providing an effective date;  
14 and declaring an emergency.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 131, as  
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp. 2013,  
18 Section 131), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 131. A. ~~At the general election to be held in November~~  
20 ~~1974, there shall be elected in each county of the state, a court~~  
21 ~~clerk, a county sheriff, and a county clerk who shall hold office~~  
22 ~~for a term of two (2) years, the terms of the court clerk, county~~  
23 ~~sheriff and county clerk beginning on the first Monday in January~~  
24 ~~following their election, and until their successors are elected and~~  
~~qualified.~~ At the general election to be held in November 1976

1 2014, and each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in  
2 each county of the state, a court clerk, a county sheriff, and a  
3 county clerk who shall hold office for a term of four (4) years,  
4 ~~the.~~ The terms of the court clerk, the county sheriff and the  
5 county clerk, ~~beginning~~ shall begin on the first business day in  
6 January following their election, and until their successors are  
7 elected and qualified.

8 B. At the general election to be held in November ~~1974~~ 2014,  
9 and each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each  
10 county of the state, a county assessor and a county treasurer, who  
11 shall hold office for a term of four (4) years. The term of the  
12 county assessor shall begin on the first business day in January  
13 following the election, and shall terminate when a successor is  
14 elected and qualified. The term of the county treasurer shall begin  
15 on the first Monday in July following the election and shall  
16 terminate when the successor is duly elected and qualified.

17 C. At the general election to be held in November ~~1990~~ 2014,  
18 and each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected in each  
19 county of the state two county commissioners, one from the first  
20 county commissioner district and one from the third county  
21 commissioner district, who shall hold office for a term of four (4)  
22 years. ~~At the general election to be held in November 1990, there~~  
23 ~~shall be elected in each county of the state one county commissioner~~  
24 ~~from the second county commissioner district who shall hold office~~

1 ~~for a term of six (6) years.~~ At the general election to be held in  
2 November ~~1996~~ 2014, and each four (4) years thereafter, there shall  
3 be elected in each county of the state, one county commissioner from  
4 the second county commissioner district, who shall hold office for a  
5 term of four (4) years. The terms of the county commissioners shall  
6 begin on the first business day in January following their election,  
7 and shall terminate when their successors are elected and qualified.

8 D. A county officer shall be eligible to become a candidate for  
9 another county office or state office.

10 E. In order to file as a candidate for county commissioner in a  
11 county commissioner's district, the candidate must have been a  
12 qualified registered elector and have maintained a current principal  
13 residence in that district for at least six (6) months immediately  
14 preceding the first day of the filing period prescribed by law.

15 Evidence of a "principal residence" may include, but not be limited  
16 to, the address listed on:

- 17 1. A federal or state tax return;
- 18 2. A driver license; or
- 19 3. An automobile registration.

20 F. Any officer listed in this section who is elected to office  
21 after the effective date of this act shall be eligible to serve no  
22 more than twelve (12) years in office. Years in office need not be  
23 consecutive and years of service in multiple offices listed in this  
24 section shall be added together and included in determining the

1 total number of years in office. The years served by an official in  
2 this section elected or appointed to serve less than a full term to  
3 fill a vacancy in office shall not be included in the twelve-year  
4 limitation set forth herein; but no official who has completed  
5 twelve (12) years in office shall thereafter be eligible to serve a  
6 partial term. Any official in this section who is serving a term in  
7 office or who has been elected or appointed to serve a term in  
8 office on the effective date hereof shall be entitled to complete  
9 his or her term and shall be eligible to serve an additional twelve  
10 (12) years thereafter.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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